GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3297
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
WATER TREATY WITH PAKISTAN
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Water Treaty, 1960 with Pakistan, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir cannot undertake construction work of any project over Sindhu, Jhelam and Chenab rivers for utilization of water of these rivers;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for construction of projects over the said rivers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government propose to negotiate with Pakistan in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir can undertake construction works of projects on the rivers Indus (Sindhu), Chenab, Jhelum and their tributaries for utilization of their waters within the ambit of the Indus Waters Treaty 1960.

(b) The Treaty provides for the following uses of the waters of the aforesaid rivers by India:

(1) Domestic Use;

(2) Non-Consumptive Use;

(3) Agricultural Use to the extent of 7,01,000 acres over and above the cropped area irrigated as on the Effective Date (1.4.1960) and the irrigation from Ranbir & Pratap Canals;

(4) Generation of hydro-electric power from Run-of-River Plants and Small Plants; and

(5) Storage to the extent of 3.6 million acre-feet.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Union Government have received proposals for the construction of28 Hydel Projects, 43 Irrigation Schemes and a Navigation Scheme from the State over the said rivers and some of these projects have already been completed.

(e) & (f) Requisite information under the provisions of the Treaty are being communicated to Pakistan. Issues thereof, raised by Pakistan, are also being discussed between the two Governments, wherever necessary.